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**BROOKE HOSPITAL CENTER'S  
CHAPEL SERVICES**  
Brooke General Hospital Area

## PROTESTANT SERVICES:

Sunday

Brooke General Hospital Chapel  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Holy Communion                      | 10:45 a.m.                       |
| Evening Worship                     | 6:30 p.m.                        |
| Annex II                            |                                  |
| Morning Worship                     | 10:00 a.m.                       |
| Annex III                           |                                  |
| Morning Worship                     | 9:00 a.m.                        |
| Annex IV                            |                                  |
| Morning Worship                     | 9:30 a.m.                        |
| Evening Worship                     | 5:30 p.m.                        |
| Red Cross Auditorium (New Hospital) |                                  |
| Sunday School for Children          | 10:00 a.m.                       |
| Weekdays                            |                                  |
| Brooke General Hospital Chapel      |                                  |
| Wednesday Evening Worship           | 6:30 p.m.                        |
| Annex IV                            |                                  |
| Wednesday Evening Worship           | 5:30 p.m.                        |
| CATHOLIC:                           |                                  |
| Sunday                              |                                  |
| Brooke General Hospital Chapel      |                                  |
| Mass                                | 6:00 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12:00 Noon |
| Day Room, Annex IV                  |                                  |
| Mass                                | 10:30 a.m.                       |
| Weekdays                            |                                  |
| Brooke General Hospital Chapel      |                                  |
| Mass on Mondays,                    |                                  |
| Wednesdays and Fridays              | 8:30 a.m.                        |
| Mass on Tuesdays,                   |                                  |
| Thursdays and Saturdays             | 4:30 p.m.                        |
| NOVENA in honor of the Miraculous   |                                  |
| Medal, Tuesdays                     | 7:00 p.m.                        |
| Confessions:                        |                                  |
| Saturday Evenings                   | 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.                |
| (Also before all Masses)            |                                  |

**Chapel Services in the Brooke Convalescent Hospital Area will be found on Page 12**

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**SPARED FOR A PURPOSE**

A Chaplain was making his rounds of the wards in a General Hospital when he called on a soldier who had been a victim of machine gun fire. This soldier-patient had just undergone the first of a series of operations which were to follow over a long period of months. The Chaplain spoke with him quietly and briefly, then promised to continue to remember him in prayer and return for a longer visit when the soldier was feeling better.

Two days later he called on the wounded soldier again and was received gladly. Almost before the Chaplain could speak to him the soldier displayed a recent letter from his mother, calling attention to a statement which said that his younger sister had professed faith in Christ and united with the church back in his home town. He smiled, but in a rather serious manner, said, "Chaplain, I'm the only one left now in a fairly large family who is not a Christian. I have seen my buddies die all around me, oftentimes from only one bullet . . . good boys . . . guys who deserved to live and get back home to their families. I stopped nine bullets and yet I'm very much alive. You know . . . I've been thinking lately . . . God must have spared my life for a purpose . . . and, if He sent you here to help me, I'm ready to listen."

Needless to say, the Chaplain never had

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# North Wing of Annex IV, Brooke General Hospital, Opened

The north wing of the three-building unit of Annex IV, Brooke General Hospital, was completed on January 12, 1946, and transfer of the majority of patients and hospital personnel from the old hospital to this new section has been accomplished.

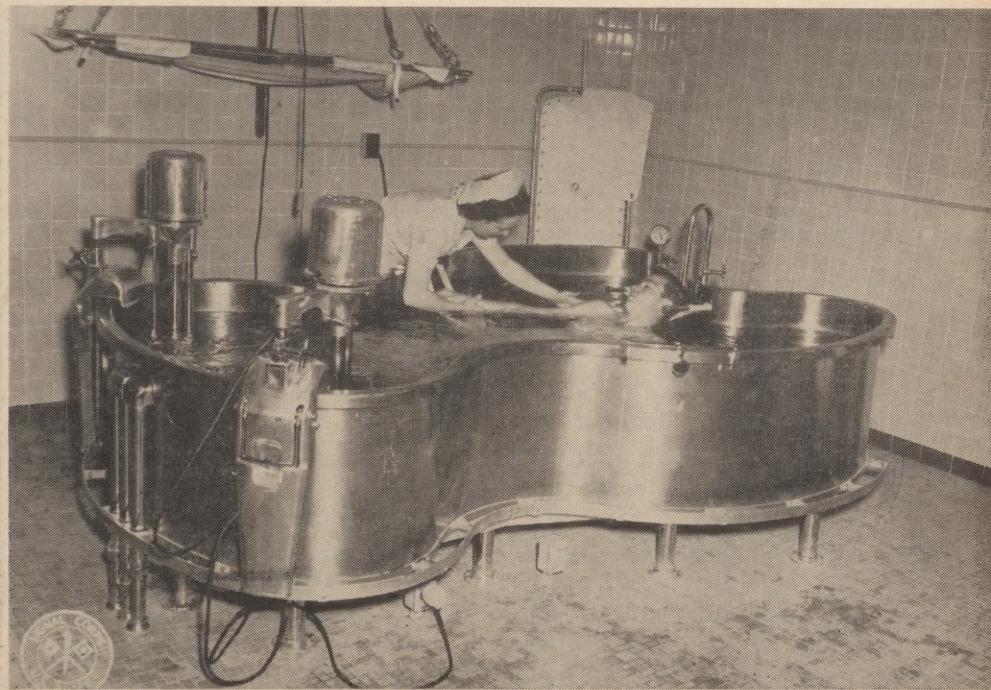
In addition to the movement of patients from the old hospital, patients from Wards 52-B and 53-B, surgical cases, and patients from Wards 50-B, orthopedic, have been transferred from Annex II into the new wing of Annex IV; patients from Ward 36, old hospital, were moved into Annex III, and patients from Wards 20-A and 20-B, old hospital, were transferred into Ward 9, main building, Brooke General Hospital.

Opening of the new wing marks the latest development in the expansion of the Brooke Hospital Center into one of the Army's foremost hospital and medical training centers. The three-building unit, which was formerly the Reconditioning Unit of

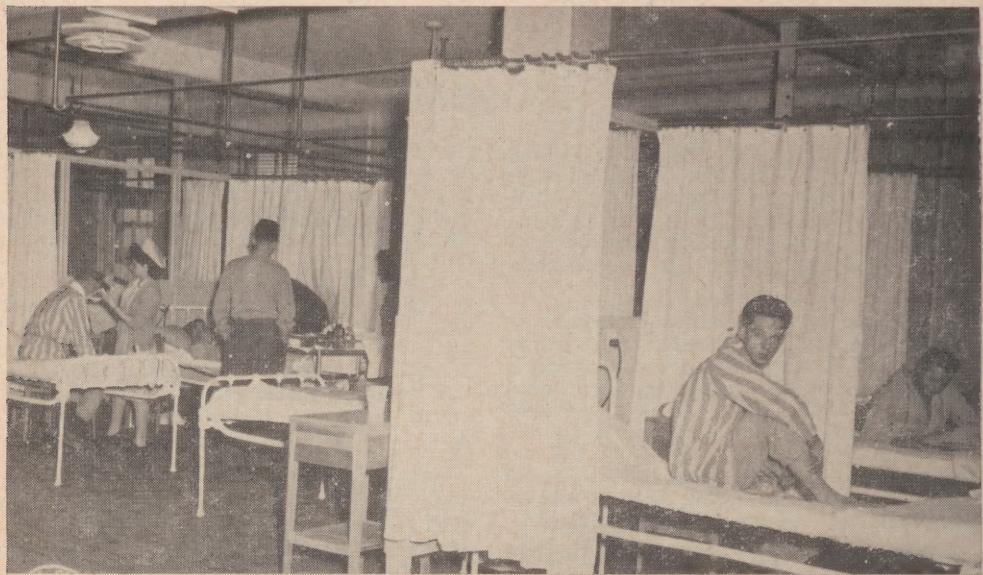
the Brooke General Hospital, in pre-war days was occupied by the 15th Field Artillery (north wing), the 37th Field Artillery (south wing) with the central wing housing the headquarters for both Field Artillery battalions.

Annex IV has been under reconversion for the past several months and the cost of its reconstruction has been estimated at well over the \$2,000,000 mark. Colonel John C. Woodland, commanding officer of the Brooke General Hospital, in interview, stated that the remaining two units of Annex IV are expected to be complete about the end of February.

When finished, Annex IV will be a complete hospital in itself. Accommodating 1200 patients and as many as 1450 in time of emergency, its opening increases the total bed capacity of the Brooke General Hospital to some 3500 beds. The three-building unit will be equipped with the very latest in medical and surgical equipment, with even a railroad spur to transport patients to the very doors of the hos-



Hydromassage Tank for underwater exercise, located in the Physical Therapy Department on the first floor, north wing, Annex IV. The patient is Private Elbert Echols of Houston, Texas, the Physical Therapist administering the exercise is Second Lieutenant Ardes Porter.



**A section of one of the wards in the north wing of Annex IV. A flip of the curtains arranged around each bed will enclose each patient in privacy.**

pital. Necessary sections and wards on the first and second floors are air conditioned.

Besides every facility for the care and treatment of the soldier-patient, consideration has been given to his recreational hours.

A patient with the help of two elevators in each wing of Annex IV will have easy access to a library, post exchange, post office, reading rooms and a physical reconditioning gymnasium.

Wards of this very modern hospital are unusually cheerful, a multitude of windows flooding the wards with light. Each floor of the north and south wings features four sun porches. Each bed is equipped for radio and a twist of the wrist is all that is necessary to get a favorite program over the five-channel radio distribution system. Each bed has its own reading lamp, signal system and a bedside table of polished natural birch.

Immediately back of the central wing and between the north and south wings is the patients' mess which will feed 1200 to 1500 patients per meal. Separate from Annex IV, the mess is connected from all wings by means of ramps or enclosed passage ways. Diet kitchens are in the process of being set up in the various wards for serving those patients unable to take their meals in the general mess.

The Physical Therapy Department, spacious in arrangement occupies much of the

central section of the first floor, north wing. A reception-waiting room will book appointments and already in use is the large hydrotherapy section in which a hydromassage tank for underwater exercise is located. In this room are the new paraffine baths, as well as whirlpool tubs for the treatment of arm and leg injuries. There are two large rooms devoted to electrotherapy, a room for ultra-violet treatments and in addition to these, a therapeutic gymnasium and a second hydrotherapy room are located in the basement.

The west half of another building located in back of the patients' mess is devoted to occupational therapy. The east half of this building will house an orthopedic brace shop.

The layout of the wards in the new wing are as follows:

Wards 20 and 21—orthopedic (formerly Wards 52-B, Annex II) are located on the first floor; Wards 22 and 23—contagious diseases (formerly Ward 34 old hospital) second floor; Ward 24—convalescent surgical chest cases and 25—septic surgery, (formerly Wards 52-B and 53-B, Annex II), second floor; Wards 26 and 27, officers (consisting of patients from Wards 21, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31, 38 and 39, old hospital), and Wards 28 and 29, officers (formerly wards 25, 27, and 33, old hospital) third floor.

Movement of the patients from the old



**Mess No. 5, Annex IV, located between the north and south wings and immediately back of the central wing. The section for enlisted patients is shown. The entire mess feed from 1200 to 1500 patients per meal.**

hospital, with the exception of those in the Neuropsychiatric Hospital which are to remain there, into the new unit of Annex IV makes available space in the main building of the old hospital for the various medical schools of the army which are to be moved here. The School of Roentgenology, formerly at Memphis, Tennessee, and the Medical Department Repair and Maintenance School, formerly located at St. Louis, Missouri are already established in the old hospital. Another school, the Army School of Neuropsychiatry, located at Mason General Hospital, Brentwood, Long Island, New York is also to be housed in the main building of the old hospital.

Colonel Walter H. Buckholts is the executive officer for Annex IV. Temporary ad-

ministrative offices are located at the present time on the first floor of the north wing. When the central wing of Annex IV is complete, all administrative offices will be located there.

In the central wing of Annex IV will also be located four large operating rooms for major surgery, two of which will have amphi-theatres from which spectators may view operations; several smaller operating rooms for minor surgery; a bronchoscopic room, autoclave and nurses work-room, dental clinic, x-ray section and various other appurtenances.

The south wing will be arranged much as the north wing insofar as the wards are concerned and in the basement will be located a complete clinical laboratory.

## BROOKE BROADCAST ON REFRIGERATION BRINGS RESULTS

As a result of a recent broadcast of "New Horizons" the Brooke Hospital Center's own radio program, in which the Refrigeration and Air Conditioning School of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital was featured, twenty firms in and around San Antonio have called to offer positions to veterans completing the course at Brooke.

In addition, one of the largest national refrigeration manufacturing firms has asked for a hundred trained men from the school; and there is a partnership in a refrigeration and air conditioning business

open, with no investment necessary if the school can produce the "right man."

Elmer Torok's first edition manual "Air Conditioning in the Home," was presented to the school by H. R. Grosskopf, 1638 West Magnolia, San Antonio, after he heard the broadcast and among long distance listeners who wrote in about the program was Charles Logsdon of O'Fallon, Illinois.

The School of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital is under the direction of Major William G. Wright. The program "New Horizons" is written and produced by Lieutenant Harvey H. Sparks with office in the Public Relations Section of the Center.

# NEWS NOTES

## *From the Office of the Surgeon General*

### **REFRESHER TRAINING FOR DOCTORS LEAVING SERVICE**

Refresher training of 12 weeks' duration will be given Army doctors leaving the service who desire to brush up on latest developments in fields of medicine, surgery, or neuropsychiatry in which they may not have been actively practicing during the past year, Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, announced recently.

This training, which will prepare retiring Army doctors for return to private practice with latest knowledge of medical advances made during the war, will be given at Army hospitals until June 30, 1946. Reserve Corps, National Guard, and AUS Medical Corps officers who are to be separated will be eligible for this schooling.

The election of the period of refresher training is entirely voluntary, and applications may be made through channels to The Surgeon General in the case of medical officers assigned to the Army Service Forces, Army Ground Forces and Army Air Forces. Medical officers returning from overseas may make application for refresher training from the Reception Stations or Separation Centers through the ASF Liaison Officer directly to The Surgeon General. It is pointed out that medical officers cannot be recalled to active duty from terminal leave for the purpose of accepting a professional assignment for refresher training.

Numerous requests have been received by The Surgeon General from Reserve Corps, National Guard, and AUS Medical officers who are about to be separated and who desire to remain in service for a short period of professional duty prior to return to civilian life. These officers are anxious to return to their civilian practices with the advantages of the latest medical knowledge. Due to the tremendous demand for refresher training placed upon civilian medical teaching centers, many of these medi-

cal officers have been unable to arrange for refresher training.

The Surgeon General emphasizes the fact that the refresher training is accomplished by a 12-week temporary duty assignment in the professional field of interest at an Army hospital without per diem. Such an assignment will afford the medical officer a period of clinical work under supervision, and excellent opportunities for collateral study of recent advances in medicine, surgery, and neuropsychiatry.

### **FELLOWSHIPS IN MEDICAL RESEARCH**

Acting as agent for various national societies, the National Research Council is offering additional fellowships which are available to newly separated Medical Department officers holding M.D. or Ph.D. degrees. These fellowships are in the fields of cancer research and anesthesiology.

Funds for the former are being provided by the American Cancer Society and administered by the National Research Council's newly appointed Committee on Growth. Fellowship stipends vary from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year. They are intended for those who, as a rule, are under 34 years of age. Although they are for a period of one year, they may be renewed. A limited number of senior fellowships for older, particularly qualified individuals planning to specialize in cancer research are available for three-year periods with stipends of \$3,000 to \$6,000 per annum. Applications should be filed before 1 February 1946.

Fellowships in anesthesiology, supported by the American Society of Anesthesiologists are in addition to those in filtrable viruses, orthopedic surgery, and medical sciences described in the October Bulletin. Applications should be filed before 1 July, 1946. For further information and application forms, write to: The Chairman, Division of Medical Sciences, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, Washington 25, D.C.



# **PUT YOUR SAVINGS INTO U. S. SAVINGS BONDS**

# Occupational Therapists Complete Jewelry-making Course at Brooke



Left, Miss Margaret Craver, consultant silversmith for an eastern concern, supervises Miss Marion Kemm, Chief Occupational Therapist of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital in the shaping of a tie-pin on the jewelry forming block. Miss Craver, while at Brooke, gave instruction in jewelry-making to eleven occupational therapists who came to Brooke for the course from hospitals in the Eighth Service Command.

Below, Miss Kemm buffs a silver teapot, as Miss Craver, instructor of the jewelry-making course, checks her progress.



Eleven Occupational Therapists from Army hospitals in the Eighth Service Command completed a 10-day course in creative jewelry-making at the Brooke Hospital Center the past month. Upon completion of the course, they returned to their respective hospitals, where they are to instruct patients, and other military personnel in the art of creating up-to-the-minute styles in jewelry.

The instruction course was under the supervision of Miss Margaret Craver, consultant silversmith for an eastern concern, and author of numerous sterling silver jewelry craft training brochures.

In addition to having had specialized training in the United States, Miss Craver, has traveled extensively through Europe to develop modern techniques of instruction in jewelry-making for use in occupational therapy training.

Assisting Miss Craver during the instructional training course was Miss Phyllis Giltner, acting chief Occupational Therapist at the shops in the main building of Brooke General Hospital and Annex IV.

Occupational Therapists who attended the course in instruction at Brooke were: Carole Anderson and Carol Stelzer of Beau-

mont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas; Marion Kemm and Betty Sankot of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital; Edwina Cearley of Camp Swift, Texas; Pearl Londgreen, Camp Robinson, Little Rock, Arkansas; Helen Gabler of Army and Navy General Hospital, Hot Springs, Arkansas; Irene Hollis, McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, Texas; Marcelle Buntrock, Bordon General Hospital, Chickasha, Oklahoma; Mary Lewis, Camp Polk, Louisiana, and Elsa Jensen of the Brooke General Hospital.

# Red Cross News at Brooke

## SERVICE CLUB NEWS

Reported by Margaret Brooks and  
Anne Marincel, Red Cross Workers  
on duty at the Service Club

### POOL TOURNAMENT

Since early December, the Brooke Hospital Center's Service Club has held a weekly pool tournament. The enthusiasm of the men is excellent and the games are exciting. Two weeks ago on January 10th, twelve men entered, and the game played was straight pool. The contestants and onlookers shifted from one table to another watching each game as it progressed. Pfc. George Herbert, Ward 60, Annex III, was the winner. The runner-up was T/5 Harold Justice who played a close game, the score ending 49 to 50. Both these men hail from New Orleans, Louisiana. Prizes were awarded to the winners. The tournaments are held weekly on Wednesday afternoons at 1 o'clock so you pool players better come on over and get into the tournaments.

### PING PONG TOURNAMENT

Wednesday afternoon, December 5th at the Brooke Hospital Center's Service Club the first ping pong tournament was held. On January 10th, eight contestants battled back and forth most of the afternoon. T/Sgt. Fred Weinstein was the winner with T/Sgt. Milton Franks putting up an excellent fight, the games running 21-17, 21-17, and 21-19. This tournament is also a weekly affair so come on over and show your skill.

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Tournament winners at the Brooke Hospital Center's Service Club on January 16th were:

**POOL: PFC William B. Mobley, patient at Annex IV.**

**PING-PONG: T/5 Augustus Usher, patient at Annex II.**

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The annual concert of the San Antonio Symphony which was presented at the Service Club on January 13th was enjoyed by all who heard it. The concert was sponsored by the Gray Lady Corps of the American Red Cross.

An enthusiastic, warm and most receptive audience of over 1,000 patients and enlisted personnel of the Brooke Hospital Center received encore after encore which include "Overture to the Bartered Bride," Strauss' "Emperor Waltz," "Clair de Lune," "Oklahoma," and "Star Dust."

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## OLD HOSPITAL NEWS

Reported by A. PORTER,  
Recreation Worker

Sunday, December 30th, George Kelver,

pianist, gave an afternoon program at the Old Hospital. Mr. Kelver began with classical music, reached his program climax with "Hungarian Rhapsody," and ended with popular numbers such as the "St. Louis Blues" and "Begin the Beguine." After the program request numbers were played, as were two humorous sketches which had been set to music. In the evening, a splendid program of accordian music was played by Miss Marion Yeager, long a favorite of the patients at Brooke. Miss Yeager gives generously of her talent to the recreation units of the Hospital Center, and we always appreciate her coming.

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Monday evening, December 31st, a New Year's Eve party was held at the Old Hospital. Records were played, group singing enjoyed, and Bingo played as an added feature. Paper hats and confetti added the holiday touch to the evening.

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Tuesday marked the beginning of the New Year. Peggy Holman welcomed it with a peppy note at the Old Hospital. Mrs. Holman played all of our favorite tunes (both old and new) on the piano, and group singing was enjoyed by all.

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Wednesday and Saturday evening are our movie nights! Don't forget to come to the recreation hall at 6:30 p.m. Our pictures are new, and there's fun for all!

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Thursday evening, January 3rd, the U.S.O. show "Say When" appeared here in the Red Cross Auditorium. Friday evening Mrs. Bonner's stage show performed for the Old Hospital group.

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Monday, January 7th a gala time was had at our auditorium. Various activities were set up in the recreation hall, including "darts," deck tennis, "bean bag" toss, "football," ring toss, and a cake walk. In the center of the auditorium a huge circle was drawn for the cake walk, and 15 cakes were given throughout the evening. Numbers were painted in the circle, and the contestants walked to music. Winners were patients who stopped on the lucky number when the music ended. Much enthusiasm was shown also for the other games, particularly darts and deck tennis. Prizes were given to the winners of each activity. Assorted fruits were served.

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Thanks to Pat Armstrong, singing cowboy, for a splendid entertainment Tuesday p.m., January 8th.

**"NURSES NOTES"****ARMY NURSE CORPS  
AT BROOKE**

Reported by  
**FIRST LIEUTENANT C. STANBERRY, ANC**



**Second Lieutenant Mildred E. Woods, ANC**, of Yuma, Arizona, right, who recently completed the course in Anesthesia at Brooke hands a chart after an operation to Captain Sedly G. Baker, Chief Nurse Anesthetist of the Brooke General Hospital. Finding herself underweight for the Army Nurse Corps in 1943 when she graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing in Tucson, Lieutenant Woods joined the Women's Army Corps. Some time later, having gained the required weight, Lieutenant Woods was commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps.

**FROM RN TO WAC TO ANC**

"Where there's a will, there's a way," certainly has proven out for Second Lieutenant Mildred E. Woods, Army Nurse Corps, stationed at Brooke General Hospital.

It all started back in 1943 when Lieutenant Woods graduated from the St. Mary's School of Nursing in Tucson, Arizona. When Lieutenant Woods graduated, it was her plan to join the Army Nurse Corps. But she found she was underweight and so she worked as a civilian nurse at a General Hospital in Yuma for almost a year.

In September 1944, still determined to get into the service, Lieutenant Woods joined the Women's Army Corps and was stationed at Kingman Army Air Field in Arizona. During the six months she was a member of the WAC, she gained the required weight needed for the Army Nurse Corps and then applied for a transfer.

She received her commission on February 26, 1945.

After completing basic training at Brooke General Hospital, Lieutenant Woods was sent to Beaumont General Hospital where she remained on duty three months. She then returned to Brooke for the course in Anesthesia which she completed the past December.

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Lieutenant Colonel Maidie E. Tilley, Principal Chief Nurse of the Brooke Hospital Center made a very charming and gracious hostess at one of the loveliest cocktail parties of the Christmas holidays. The spacious living room of Reid Hall was attractively decorated in keeping with the Yule-tide. Approximately four hundred guests attended.

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Captain Margaret Shaughnessey of McCloud General Hospital spent the Christmas holidays at Fort Sam Houston visiting Captain Gail Baker.

## Pets and Mascots at Brooke

**Right—THIS IS ETHELBERT:** a grey fox squirrel who has joined the staff of the Brooke Hospital Center's Counselling Section. Ethelbert was acquired by Corporal Jim Alexander, a counsellor, about three months ago who raised him via an eye-dropper. Ethelbert spends much of his 8-hour work-day entertaining bed patients of the Brooke General Hospital and begging food from members of the counselling office. He is extremely erudite and frequently digests the Reader's Digest and other papers. After the day is done, Ethelbert retires to the barracks, to bunk in the pocket of an old pair of Corporal Alexander's trousers.



**Below—MEET "INKY" and her nine little ink-spots, born on New Year's Day.** "Inky" is a coal black cocker spaniel and mascot of Company E-1, Brooke Convalescent Hospital. Her master is Sergeant Joseph P. Tracey. Eight of the puppies are black like "Inky," the other one white. Various members of the company have all agreed to adopt the puppies when they are old enough for a home of their own.



**Left—THE COMPANY CAT:** Here's "Spokey" displaying her new family of four. Coming from nowhere in particular, "Spokey" has adopted one of the WAC companies of the Brooke Hospital Center. Admiring the kittens are: Sergeant Emily Barnes, Summit, Mississippi; Staff Sergeant Juanita Quick of St. Louis, Missouri; and First Sergeant Dorothy Edwards, Portales, New Mexico.



# Colonel Emmett M. Smith, MC Named Commanding Officer of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital



**Colonel Emmett M. Smith, MC, new commanding officer of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital, shown at his desk in headquarters building.**

Colonel Emmett M. Smith, MC, whose home is San Antonio, has been named commanding officer of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital by Brigadier General Geo. C. Beach, Brooke Hospital Center commander. Colonel Smith succeeds Major Louis B. Shapiro, who has returned to civilian life and a private practice in Illinois.

This is not the first tour of duty for Colonel Smith at Brooke. He has served in many capacities at this Post. He was Ward Surgeon at the Old Hospital in 1936. After the declaration of War, he was made Assistant Executive Officer in charge of the Old

Hospital, later setting up the Hospital Inspector's Office at Brooke General Hospital until he was made executive Officer to General Beach in February 1943. This position he held until August 1943 at which time he was transferred to Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas, to take over command of the 96th General Hospital then under training for overseas destination.

"From Paris to Paris"—might well be the title of Colonel Smith's overseas career.

The 96th General Hospital went overseas in December 1943, setting up in Malvern, England, as a Specialized Neuropsy-

chiatic Hospital, under the 12th Hospital Center. He was transferred from this command to Paris, France in June 1945 to become the commanding officer of the 108th General Hospital (Loyola Unit) consisting of 1500 beds. This hospital was stationed in the Clichy District, Paris France.

Colonel Smith brought this Unit home, arriving at the New York P. O. E. on 20 November 1945.

Colonel Smith received his degree in medicine at the Baylor Medical College, Dallas, Texas.

## ALMOST HALF MILLION MEN SEPARATED BY EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND IN SEVEN-AND-HALF MONTHS PERIOD

Temporary separation points at more than a score of Eighth Service Command posts and general hospitals played a major role in the discharge of 428,626 soldiers by the command from May 12 to December 30, 1945, command headquarters recently reported.

Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commanding, announced the closing of the separation points, which were established as an emergency measure late in September after VJ Day removed the necessity of deploying forces to the Pacific. Set up on Gen. Walker's order at almost every military installation where military personnel eligible for discharge were stationed, the separation points made it possible to return men to civilian life on the spot without delay.

Operating seven days a week, with no holidays, not even Christmas, and streamlining separation procedure so that only 36 hours were required instead of the 48-hour maximum allowed by the War Department, the separation points discharged 10,753 officers and 100,710 enlisted men during the period they were in action.

Gen. Walker said the separation points are no longer needed, since the discharge peak is past and there is at present no backlog of soldiers in the service command awaiting discharge. Soldiers returning to the Southwest from overseas and those becoming eligible in the states can be accommodated at the command's four permanent separation centers.

## MILITARY CAREERS OFFERED TO NON-REGULAR OFFICERS WHO SERVED IN WORLD WAR II

Non-Regular officers who served in World War II have been offered permanent military careers beginning as lieutenants, captains and majors of the Regular Army, Eighth Service Command headquarters, Dallas has announced.

The command announced that procedure for the integration of qualified Reserve and

Army of the United States officers into the Regular Army has been received from the War Department, following enactment December 28, of Public Law 281, which increases the commissioned strength of the Regular Army to 25,000. The present officer strength is about 16,000.

Applicants must pass a general survey test, a physical examination and furnish certain biographical information. They will appear before officers' interview boards, two of which will be located in the Eighth Service Command, at Camp Fannin and Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Final selection will be made by the command in which the applicant wishes to be commissioned from eligibility lists compiled by the Adjutant General.

Any male citizen who served as a commissioned officer between Pearl Harbor Day and the date of the law's enactment is eligible the headquarters said. Applications must reach the Adjutant General by March 1, 1946.

The grade in which the new regulars will be commissioned will be determined by their age over 25, or their length of commissioned service. They will rank immediately below present Regular Army officers with an equivalent or next greater length of service.

## S/SGT. ANDREW BARROWS PING PONG CHAMP AT BROOKE

Honors went to the Convalescent Hospital when S/Sgt. Andrew Barrow, Harrisburg, Pa., became the ping-pong champ of Brooke Hospital Center, during a tournament staged at the new service club, December 12.

Barrow narrowly defeated another convalescent hospital man, Cpl. Isador Friedman of the Bronx, in three out of four games. Scores were 21-17, 18-21, 21-19 and 29-27.

## CHAPEL SERVICES IN THE BROOKE CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL AREA

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>                                       |            |
| <b>CATHOLIC MASS</b>                                |            |
| Chapel No. 2 (900 Area)                             | 8:30 A.M.  |
| Chapel No. 3 (1200 Area)                            | 10:00 A.M. |
| <b>Weekdays</b>                                     |            |
| Chapel No. 3 (1200 Area)                            | 11:55 A.M. |
| <b>PROTESTANT SERVICES</b>                          |            |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                       |            |
| Chapel No. 3 (1200 Area) Daily                      | 11:55 A.M. |
| Chapel No. 2 (900 Area)                             | 10:00 A.M. |
| Auditorium (1300 Area)                              | 10:00 A.M. |
| Auditorium (MDETS)                                  | 11:00 A.M. |
| <b>Weekdays</b>                                     |            |
| Chapel No. 3 (1200 Area) Wednesday Evening Services | 6:30 P.M.  |
| <b>LUTHERAN SERVICES</b>                            |            |
| <b>Sunday</b>                                       |            |
| Chapel No. 3 (900 area) Holy Communion              | 10:45 A.M. |
| <b>JEWISH SERVICES</b>                              |            |
| <b>Friday</b>                                       |            |
| Chapel No. 2, Sabbath Worship                       | 8:00 P.M.  |

# Brooke Sergeant Paints Murals For Convalescent Hospital Headquarters



—Photos Courtesy of the Photo School,  
Brooke Convalescent Hospital

In the top picture, Staff Sergeant Eugene F. Jemison, soldier artist on duty at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital explains to Major Glenn I. Allen, Chief of Reconditioning Services, the transfer of original sketches to mural paintings in oil. At left Sergeant Jemison is shown carefully blending oils before applying them to the mural, one of a series depicting the rehabilitation program being carried out at the hospital. The murals will adorn the walls of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital Headquarters.

Staff Sergeant Eugene F. Jemison was shipped to Brooke Convalescent Hospital last March from Camp Livingston, Louisiana, in the good old Army fashion. He left with a unique problem on his hands—a half-finished mural at the camp Officers' Club with no one to complete it.

The Sergeant, who has established himself as one of the foremost soldier-artists during his four years of service, took his

transfer in stride, and upon arriving at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital, embarked upon a similar art project, that of depicting in oils, the mission of Convalescent Hospitals. Of his work at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital, Sergeant Jemison had this to say, "I have made no attempt at naturalistic interpretation in these paintings of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital program; rather, I have tried to present, and symbolize, an emotional message of the

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# School of Music at Brooke Convalescent Hospital Grows in Popularity

"They laughed when I sat down to play" . . . How many times have you read magazine advertisements depicting this embarrassing predicament?

It's different, however, at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital's School of Music—where learning to play a musical instrument has become one of the three favorite courses of the hospital's Educational Reconditioning Program. The school not only gives lessons on all popular band and orchestra instruments, but holds daily jam sessions which rock the "school-house" with rhythm.

The School of Music began, like many other sections of the Educational Reconditioning Program in a small unobtrusive way, catering to approximately ten students daily. From such a small beginning a few short months ago, the enrollment of the school has now reached one-hundred and thirty pupils, all of them patients of

the Brooke Convalescent Hospital.

A small day room first housed the classroom, and the instructional staff consisted of eight enlisted men and one Wac. Today, under the supervision of Lieutenant M. Brammer, the teaching staff consists of eighteen enlisted and civilian instructors. Each of the instructors has completed at least two years in a music major, and several of the instructors hold Bachelors of Arts degrees in music.

All types of instruments are available for the use of the student. Stress is placed on regular band instruments, although students may choose any instrument, including even harmonicas and ocarinas. The guitar and the piano are the two outstanding favorites.

During the first week of study, enrollees of the School of Music are able to play one or two simple tunes and by the end of the convalescent period spent at the



**Patients of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital's School of Music entertain with a "Hot Jam Session."** Musicians shown are: Pfc Melvin L. Kirby of Goldthwaite, Texas; Pfc Charley Byrd of Washington, Louisiana; Corporal John Gray of Hot Springs, Arkansas; Corporal Paul Wright of North Platte, Nebraska, Private First Class Alvin Smith of Merkel, Texas, and Private First Class James Tantillo of Boston, Massachusetts.



**A gala "Less Paul Trio" arranges some close guitar harmony at the Brooke Convalescent Hospital's School of Music.**

hospital are able to play many of the most popular songs of the day.

Students of the school receive one half hour individual instruction daily and spend the other hour and a half practicing or listening to well-known bands and orchestra recording for technique. Every two weeks individual sound recordings of the student's progress are made and at the end of the course he is able to note his own progress.

"Hill-billy" bands, "barber shop" quartets, string ensembles and soloists take the students from "corn" to classics and back again. Every afternoon at three o'clock, a jam session swings out and the audience has made this the high spot of the day. Off-duty soldiers and those patients whose classes are over, drop in to listen. Before the session is two numbers old, the "Standing Room Only" sign is usually hung out.

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great opportunities a patient has within the departments of the hospital during his stay here at Brooke."

Kansas-born, Staff Sergeant Eugene F. Jemison manifested an interest in art at an early age. The son of a jewel-engraver and wheat grower, his first drawings were of old buildings, farms, and rivers near his home. Later the young artist amused himself by sketching relatives and friends.

Partly self taught, Jemison accepted a scholarship at the Washburn University School of Art at Topeka and is known for his murals and lithographs. He is a member of Delta Phi Delta, national professional art fraternity.

Early in his art career, Jemison won three first prize painting awards from na-

tionally known juries. Thomas Mann, writer, and Dr. Guy Snavely, American College Association President, are two notables the artist has portrayed from life. Jemison has a sincere attitude toward his work and desires to see true soldier-artists creating inspiring work from army life.

Sergeant Jemison expects to return to civilian life in a few weeks and resume his studies at Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, where he is working on a Master's degree in Art and Fine Arts.

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**We Won the War—**

**Now Let's Preserve the Peace!**

**Enlist in the U. S. Army**

# Patients of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital Enjoy Special Services Tour to Knowlton's Creamery



Patients of the Agricultural School of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital were shown how milk is pasteurized, how ice cream is made and given a general idea of the vast amount of equipment needed in conducting the creamery business.



Thick malts, delicious even on a cold day in December, were enjoyed by patients and personnel of the Agricultural School of the Brooke Convalescent Hospital on their recent visit to the Knowlton Creamery. Lieutenant J. P. Kauffman was in charge of the group making the tour.



**In answer to numerous queries as to what the editor of "Campus Notes, MDETS" looks like . . .**

# We Give You the Incomparable Tec 5 Carroll H. Curry

By Tec 4 ROBERT G. FIEDLER

Cast a glance at the gimp on your right, folks. That's Carroll H. Curry, Technician Fifth Grade and West Virginia's gift to the Bluebonnet Broadcast. He protested his blessed best—being a modest character, not given to self-praise except for his native hills and their cacophony—but we felt it a debt to our readers, and posterity, to set him down on paper.

For, lo, these past two years, since this paper was in swaddling clothes, his crisp comments on current events at the School for Medical Department technicians-to-be have been brightening its pages. Take it from the Broadcast editor, many's the time she's seen homing civilians who, though they have no school connections, leaf through the magazine and settle back with a smile when they come to "Campus Notes."

Mutters Curry: "They mustn't have had anything better to do."

But there, masked by spectacles and a studious visage, sits a wry imp with 23 years of experience as a tilter at the windmills of convention. Unfortunately, the native reticence of the wise folk from which he sprang in the heart of West Virginia's soft coal region, casts a fog over many of his zany activities. And, with one notable exception, he has been a much-subdued Curry, impressed with the gravity of the occasion, since he joined hands with Uncle Sam in March, 1943. He even left his "guitar" back home in Fairmont, and that was a painful parting.

The only time he backslid was during a six-months siege of ASTP basic engineering at McNeese Junior College, Lake Charles, La., following medical basic at Camp Robinson, Ark. That was the time when, beat down by the grind of study, he and two companions-in-arms appropriated a tractor for a three-mile drive into town. The tractor came through unscathed.

Since then he has directed his energies at instructing student dental technicians, everlastingly making repairs on the "Great Ball of Fire" (a motorcycle) and dashing off news for the Broadcast whenever the pressure of work at the dental section didn't interfere. He stayed on at MDETS after completing the course in April, 1944, as top man in his class. And, he feels, his knack for art on an amateur scale, cartooning, designing, layout and metal work, have stood him in good stead as an instructor.

Curry finally sold the "Ball of Fire" in



**Tec 5 CARROLL H. CURRY**

December after a year of testing his wits against its perversity. "I wore out my tools working on it," he says.

His Broadcast contributions have become infrequent of late, but the staff hopes to lure him back. The job had been bucked down the chain of command right into his lap, so Curry made the best of it. After a time he discovered that he could indulge in two favorite crusades—deflation of inflated egos and promotion of hill-billy music.

"I got my greatest kick out of making cracks at campus characters who got too big for their britches," he says, "and out of writing about hill-billy music. Incidentally, its popularity is growing and people are beginning to realize it and Negro spirituals are the two leading forms of American folk music."

"It's even good for our students. They turn out better plates when they hear its soothing strains, and they hear a lot of them. Our radio is adjusted so that it automatically tunes in all hill-billy programs broadcast in Texas."

Curry's favorite is "Born to Lose." "It

describes me perfectly. I've never won a poker game in my life. I like to play, but I can't make it pay."

Right now he's eager to get back into civil life so he can start on a project which he hopes some day will have him making a tour of several small businesses to check the cash registers at 11 a.m., then knock off for lunch and a round of golf in the afternoon. He has an open mind on the question of how to begin. Might go to college back home, might go back to work in the purchasing office of a hometown coal company. Depends on what he and his wife figure out, with the help of their two-year-old son, Dennis.

"Don't know when I'll get out, but I'm sure anxious to see the day, so I can start griping about civilian life."

That's Curry for you.

## SPARED FOR A PURPOSE

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a more attentive congregation than that one receptive heart. The claims of Christ were presented by the aid of a few scripture passages. They prayed together and the soldier made a full surrender to the Lord as his personal Saviour. Immediately he wanted to write home and tell his devoted Christian mother that her prayers had been answered.

The Chaplain visited the soldier frequently thereafter and it was always a joy to observe his deep, though quiet faith, as evidenced by his happy smile and patient fortitude.

Yes, many of our lives must have been spared for a purpose, BUT, have we done our part to fully realize that purpose?

—Chaplain Raymond O. Feather

## ADVANTAGES OF ARMY CAREER FOR DOCTORS STRESSED

Advantages of a career in the Regular Army for doctors and other officers in the Medical Department were stressed today in a statement received by Brig. Gen. George C. Beach, commanding general of Brooke Hospital Center, from Major General Norman T. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army.

Special emphasis was placed on the appointment of medical administrative and sanitary corps officers to the pharmacy corps. Educational requirements for the pharmacy corps may be waived, it was pointed out.

Under terms of a new law authorizing additional officers for the Regular Army, doctors who apply for appointment and meet the requirements will be commissioned in the grades of first lieutenant, captain and major.

The Army expects to attract a compe-

tent staff of doctors to maintain the high standards prevailing during the war in the care of the sick and wounded.

General Kirk pointed out that a professional career in the Regular Army offers broader possibilities in a larger field and wider and more varied experience than that afforded by the practice of the average civilian doctor.

The security assured the Army doctor will appeal to many professional men, the General explained. Among these advantages are regular income, regular promotion and retirement pay, which amounts to 75 per cent of base plus longevity pay for the doctor who has served 30 years or who has reached the statutory age limit. If a man is retired for physical disability during his Army career, he also will get 75 per cent of his pay at time of retirement for the rest of his life. The Army doctor and his family also are eligible for medical care and hospitalization.

Opportunity to serve in foreign countries will appeal to the travel-minded.

Any doctor, physically and professionally qualified who has been on active duty in the Army since Pearl Harbor and who is under 45 years of age, is eligible for appointment in the Regular Army, unless he has been separated from the service under other than honorable conditions.

Applications must reach the Adjutant General's office, Washington, 25, D.C., not later than March 10. Formal application on WD AGO Form 62 is required even if some other form of application has been submitted previously.

## FUEL AND WATER CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AT FORT SAM HOUSTON

An aggressive and determined campaign of fuel and water conservation, in which the cooperation of all military and civilian personnel is sought, is being launched at Fort Sam Houston, as a part of an army-wide program directed by the Secretary of War.

Conservation of gas, coal, electricity and water is included in the campaign, which is designed to eliminate waste and enforce strict economy.

Under an aggressive system of checks and inspections, wastage of fuel and water will be traced, and responsibility fixed. Overheating of buildings, improper operation of equipment, unnecessary lighting, excessive use of water and the failure to report leaks will bring prompt action, it has been promised.

The conservation program is being devised by the Post Engineer, Major James O. Vaughan, and Second Lieutenant Frank M. Krasovec, who have been appointed post utilities conservation officer and assistant conservation officer, respectively.

**SAN ANTONIO SYMPHONY  
SOCIETY'S NEXT GUEST SOLOIST  
TO BE ZINKA MILANOV**



**ZINKA MILANOV**

Saturday night, February 2, San Antonians will hear the brilliant Metropolitan soprano, Zinka Milanov. She will appear with the San Antonio Symphony under Max Reiter at the Municipal Auditorium.

In addition to her eight years' leadership at the Metropolitan, Madame Milanov has a record of 14 concert appearances under Toscanini.

The orchestra's program for the Milanov concert includes "Adagio" (Corello), "Invitation to the Dance" (Weber), "Firebird Suite" (Stravinsky), "Facade Suite" (Walton) and Scenerio from "Showboat" (Kern).

Enlisted personnel may procure tickets at reduced prices for all symphony concerts at the municipal auditorium.

**"SEEMS-PHONEY"**

Parody by Sergeant Irwin Greenfield, Detachment, Medical Department, Brooke General Hospital, to be sung to the tune of "Symphony."

Seems-phoney discharges are delayed.  
We are all dismayed;  
Singing the blues.  
Seems-phoney rumors easily found;  
None of them are sound;  
Never true news.  
"Today's the day"  
Is all we ever hear,  
This couldn't last a year;  
Heaven forbid, heaven forbid.  
Someday soon we'll be called to go,  
I'll say, "I told you so"  
Long, long ago.  
We'll get home  
Never more to roam,  
But when we do  
We'll say, "Seems-phoney."

—IRWIN GREENFIELD.

**CARMEN**

A face so fair of a figure to trim,  
Does one sweet wife belong to Jim.  
All of the above does she possess,  
Limpid pool eyes of brown that gleam,  
And wandering hair that plays like a beam;  
With scarlet lips and teeth snow white;  
Lo, and behold, a lovely sight  
Her husband, deign would he be to caress  
Many, many times, and oft would he say,  
"Oh Darling of mine, how often I pray  
That soon to you may I come home to stay."  
Then out of the night as of the moon,  
Her tremulous voice he would hear,  
"Patience my love, 'Twill be but soon!"

S/SGT. JIM DIGILIO  
AGF Liaison Office  
Office of Personal Affairs  
Brooke General Hospital.

**THE DICTAPHONE STENOGRAPHER**

Poor dictaphone stenographer,  
Works hard but gains no fame,  
A glorified machine is she,  
An empty headed dame . . .  
At least that's what the Dr's think,  
They growl and pull their hair;  
We're stupid 'cause we can't decipher—  
Mumbling . . . Is that fair?  
Physical examinations,  
Progress notes, galore,  
Chief complaints of belly aches  
And abstracts, what a bore!  
My dictionary is worn,  
My brain is in a whirl,  
The words these Dr's think of  
Are aging this old girl . . .  
Curettement, bilious, pleurisy,  
Pregnant and benign,  
Emaciate, periphery,  
Malaise, Babinski's sign . . .  
Erythroblastosis,  
Ecchymosis, cardiac,  
Polymorphonuclear,  
Hemoptysis . . . My back!  
We're criticised when things go wrong  
They threaten and they fuss,  
But Dr's, bless 'em, never dream  
How often they are cussed by us . . .  
We love our work, believe me,  
Tho' it's never deviated,  
What hurts our feelings most  
Is that, WE AIN'T APPRECIATED.

—FRAN HENDRICKSON  
Surgical Dictaphone Dep't.

**BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

| P D C         | 1/31/46 | Here  | League      |
|---------------|---------|-------|-------------|
| 4th Army      | 2/ 1/46 | Here  | League      |
| Randolph Fld. | 2/ 5/46 | There | League      |
| McCloskey     |         |       |             |
| Hosp          | 2/ 7/46 | Here  | Independent |
| AG & SFRS     | 2/ 6/46 | Here  | Independent |
| Cabaniss Fld. | 2/ 9/46 | Here  | Independent |
| W D P C       | 2/12/46 | Here  | League      |
| Kelly Fld.    | 2/14/46 | Here  | League      |
| W D P C       | 2/15/46 | Here  | League      |

# SPORTS at BROOKE

## Introducing Brooke Hospital Center's Basketball Team



**BROOKE HOSPITAL CENTER CAGERS** are shown above with their manager, Lieutenant John Ward of New York City. Left to right, back row: Lieutenant Ward; Technician Fourth Grade George Lacy, Cleveland, Tennessee; Corporal Isadore Salario, Chicago, Illinois; Sergeant John Rayz, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; Private Joe Vogt, New Orleans, Louisiana; front row: Lieutenant John Suellentrop, Colwich, Kansas; Sergeant John Graham, Muncie, Indiana; Private Donald Berry, Richmond, Indiana and Private Emersen Rothenburger, Manheim, Pennsylvania.



**Victory came to us in World War II—Now let's be the victors in the fight against Infantile Paralysis**



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